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"HE LEADETH ME."

E. P. P.

"He leadeth me," Oh, words of blessed meaning,
To the worn and wearied bringing rest,
Sweeter than breezes, aroma laden,
From sea-girt isle, or Araby the blest.

Not all the gems and treasures golden,
Hidden in far-off India's mine,
Are with such rapture by the eyes beholden.
As those sweet words of thine.

In doubt and fear upon the desert lonely,
With tender feet we tread the burning sand,
Asking the way—a word, a whisper only,
Then feel the pressure of a guiding hand.

And sometimes e'en when walking [illegible]dly
With cloud o'erhead like midnight [illegible]ll,
There cometh one who leadeth kindly,
Our guide is God—the Father over all.

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MEMORIAL OF MRS. SARAH R. HANNA OF WASHINGTON, PA.

By Mrs. Rev. J. F. Hutchison, Rushville, Ind.

Prepared for the Women's General Missionary Convention, which met in Monmouth, Illinois, May 11 and 12, 1887.
Read by Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, Xenia, Ohio.

In my reminiscences of Mrs. Hanna, whose memory I delight to honor, I cannot think of her as an old woman, or infirm, for I never knew her as such. I can only recollect her as the strong, vigorous Mrs. Hanna—a wise teacher and governess. She was both model and oracle. Few persons excel in more than one or two things. She was one of the few. *Generalship* is as good a term as I know. I mean nothing unwomanly or masculine by this. But no military commander ever manipulated his troops more adroitly or more skillfully than did she her pupils. She had the faculty of looking over the whole field and correcting general faults, and detecting errors in detail at the same time. We called her "Major," and she never resented it, but pleasantly said once: "It is an easy matter to be a corporal or captain, but to be a *Major* is an honor!"

Cases demanding severe discipline seldom occurred, but when they did, wisdom and justice were largely mixed with mercy. If ever the history of Washington Female Seminary shall be written, Mrs. Hanna's life will run like a golden thread through it all. One marked epoch in the history of the Seminary was the destruction of the building by fire in 1848. One hundred and fifty inmates were thereby rendered houseless. The building was a large four-story brick. The fire company was crude, with an imperfect engine and inefficient officers. Mrs. Hanna acted as commanding officer and manipulated the whole affair with such sagacity and tact that the firemen did not know they were controlled by a woman. The library, cabinet and laboratory and some of the pianos were saved by the coolness and engineering of this invincible woman. Before the smoke of the ruins had ceased to ascend houses in the vicinity were rented, and we were all comfortably settled and at work again; having lost just 48 hours from study. Do you wonder we called her "Major?"

As if by magic, a new and more commodious building stood on the same spot. It was at once appropriately dedicated to the uses of education, and the first event in the new and beautiful chapel was the marriage of our beloved old—let me call her, *Alma Mater!* No girl bride ever looked happier,—I had almost said prettier—than she when taking the vows which made her the wife of that good, grand old man, Dr. Hanna. The venerable, benign Dr. Beveridge pronounced the ceremony which made them one—a ceremony beautiful and appropriate; and when the Faculty and Board and a few more dignitaries had offered their congratulations, Dr. Beveridge said: "Now, Mrs. Hanna, here are a few of your children waiting to congratulate you." Over two hundred of us filed in, giving her a warm grasp of the hand and receiving in turn a motherly kiss.

And she was a mother to us. Her vigilance was untiring in everything that pertained to the intellectual and spiritual development of those entrusted to her care. Thoroughly trained in the religion of her fathers, conversant with the Bible and imbued with the spirit of the religion of Christ, she made no compromise herself with disobedience of God's commands or with that insidious infidelity which hides itself under a show of learning. The physician of the Seminary was Dr. Lemoyne of crematory fame. He was

skillful and kind and a general favorite, but he was an infidel. Vigilance on the part of our chief was in constant demand lest some seeds of unbelief should be dropped into minds of her pupils; and we believe her efforts to prevent such a calamity were successful. She was orignal in many things, but I cannot recall any peculiarity that would rightfully subject her to that expressive and common stigma—*a crank*. Cranks have their hobbies, but she was catholic in her spirit and possessed of broad views on all moral and religious questions, while true to her own convictions of religious truth and thoroughly loyal to her own church. This might be illustrated by reference to her philanthropic and charitable spirit as manifested in her own neighborhood, but especially in her *missionary* spirit. Passing other characteristics let us dwell for a moment on this as especially adapted to our present meeting; and, as memory recalls it now in my own advancing years, I think of that as one of the most beautiful traits of her character, and of her as one of those who come within the range of the promise: "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and forever." Some of the noblest missionaries in all the true spirit of the work, and I believe in all the final reward of the "good and faithful servant," will be found at last among those who never set foot on foreign soil. Mrs. Hanna is one of the first among this class. The appeals from Africa were more pitiful then than now, if possible, and touched deeply the heart of our Principal; and when in 1848, Rev. Pinney, of Washington, was about to go to Liberia the second time, some of us had reason to know that her own liberality went far toward defraying the heavy expenses of the long voyage, although he was not a missionary from her own denomination. And as Mr. Pinney sat beside her at the breakfast table, she told us of his mission and said: "Now, young ladies, if you have something you can give to this cause, God will bless it though it be little. Give something. God does not despise little gifts of willing hearts." The dining-room was soon emptied of its hundred girls, who soon returned from their rooms each depositing a gift of money in Mrs. Hanna's hand; one of the gayest of the number gave her two rings. And I will never forget the earnest manner and convincing words when in class or elsewhere, "*The missionary spirit in woman*" was the subject. It would come in with a seeming naturalness as *fundamental* in the education of every daughter under her tuition, and making each one feel that she cared not to assist in the education of the mind aside from the education of the heart. Thus she inculcated the spirit of Judson, who, looking upon the great Girard College, said: "Girard has written his name in stone; I will write mine in the hearts of the people."

If she were here to-day I can easily imagine her saying: "There is nothing like missionary intelligence to keep one's heart warm for the Lord's work. If the women of our church would inform themselves as to the needs of this work, as the great work of the church, a mighty impulse would be given it, and a wave of influence would sweep across land and sea that would be felt in the uppermost parts of the earth. Let me beg you, my dear friends, not to be idle. Work while the day lasts; the night cometh when no one can work. There is much to be done in the great white harvest-field of opportunity."

To her influence, under God, we are largely indebted for "Woman's Work" in our own church. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

MRS. J. F. HUTCHISON.

[It has been thought best to publish extracts from a letter written by Rev. J.

F. Hutchison, explaining the circumstances under which this memorial was prepared by his wife, who has since gone to the "better land," and a memorial of whom will be found upon another page of this magazine:

"I send you Mrs. H.'s manuscript—not her's, really, but mine, so far as mantial labor is concerned. She was taken very ill two weeks ago with pleuro pneumonia, and her life despaired of. And only by the most slender thread does it hang yet. When her case was pronounced hopeless she asked me to get her pencilings and put items together which she had written out, and send them to the convention at Monmouth to be read by a very dear cousin who would doubtless be there. She would have embellished, perhaps, a little if she had transcribed her own pencilings, and doubtless left out and added in other places. I could only take her matter as I found it and send it on its errand with the prayer that it may add interest and profit to the memorial service and be an humble representative of one who has had it on her heart during all her sickness and intense suffering."]

THIS talented, gifted woman has been a model for many a day to the women of our church. Conscientiousness was such a marked feature of her character that her influence upon others was always for good. Her life from her youth was devoted to the advancement of the cause of the Savior she loved so well. God gave her a life of wonderful usefulness. The five talents committed to *her* care, I have no doubt, have already been given back to her Master, increased an hundred fold. Nor is her work in this world yet done. Missionaries to-day are in distant lands telling the story of the Cross, who gained from *her* the zeal that makes it a joy to do service for the Lord. Devoted mothers are more earnest in their lives because of her teachings. How much the United Presbyterian church has been benefitted by her teachings God alone can estimate. Led by her attachment to her church, she declined a lucrative position in the South at the beginning of her career as teacher that gave to our church the benefit of her labors that were such a benefit to those permitted to be under her guidance. When I was a child no girl had a higher ambition than to go to Mrs. Hanna's seminary. Her influence over all under her care so moulded their character that what they gained from books seemed but a small part of their advantages. Nor did her zeal and devotion diminish even when her sun hastened towards its setting. Her heart still burned within her, that God's cause should be advanced and all agencies used for his glory. I doubt not we are assembled here to-day in answer to her prayers that the women of our church should do all in their power to advance the kingdom of God by sending the gospel to every creature. May we all be endowed more and more by her self-forgetfulness and by the same willingness to spend and be spent in God's service.

MRS. W. H. MCMILLAN.

A NOBLE WOMAN.

BY J. R. J.

MRS. HANNA—Miss Sarah R. Foster—was a native of Washington county, N. Y., where she was born Nov. 10, 1802. Her early education was simply that of the common schools. Having spent several years in teaching, she entered the Ladies' Seminary, of Troy, whence she started forth bearing the recommendation of her principal, Mrs. Emma Willard, to her life-work of teaching. After a short experience in Cadiz, Ohio, she was called to a rchool, then in a languishing state, in Washington, Pa., and there, thirty-four years as Principal and twelve years as a private citizen, she spent the important part of her life. Her death occurred Sept. 15, 1886.

Mrs. Hanna's work was, of course, mainly educational. She had an enthusiasm in the cause, especially as it related to women, and felt bound to contribute to it all she possessed of talent and equipment. When she was a girl there was still a serious question as to the right of women to enjoy special school advantages. The common feeling among pious, practical people was that it unfitted them for legitimate usefulness. She resented this opinion, not bitterly but strongly,

and set herself by patient, earnest effort to break it down. She believed in intelligent women for the home and society, and in women who because they possessed the necessary culture and training, could make their way in the world and assert themselves as helpers in every good cause. She lived to see improvements in these respects of which in her youth she could not have dreamed. The old opposition had passed away. Schools of magnificent character existed in all parts of the country. The questioned right of women to be educated was already talked of as among the curiosities of the past. In schools of their own and in colleges that were open to both sexes they were enjoying there unchallenged privileges, and there, and in the life for which they became fitted, they were proving themselves worthy of their opportunities. Her part in the revolution thus wrought was not an insignificant one; for, besides her personal influence exerted upon society in general, she inspired all her pupils with her enthusiasm.

Mrs. Hanna was in a peculiar sense a self-made woman; that is to say, she grew unto her character and influence by an intelligent and vigorous use of her own faculties and opportunities. Her parents did not approve of her wish to be educated and gave her no assistance. She persisted, if not against their protest, at least without their consent, earned the necessary money and paid her way. She had no powerful friends or other interested helpers. Her own merits, save that she had at the outstart the certificate of her teacher, were her testimonials; and against the traditions and the popular tide that met her she boldly and successfully held her way. This fact, so interesting in itself and so important as part of her history, has not been so fully set forth hitherto as it should be. But no proper estimate of her character can be formed without it. It is commendable when a young lady, with all her expenses paid by her parents, secures the benefits thus offered her. But it is especially praiseworthy when one depending on herself overcomes all hindrances, breaks down all obstacles, and achieves for herself the position of a representative of her sex, a benefactor to society and a recognized leader in church work.

The foundation of her character was an unfaltering trust in God. She had a strong will, unbending resolution, tact, energy, hope, and a large store of mental resources. But these would all have failed her but for the faith in Him whom she made her friend and with whom she pursued her daily walk. In her efforts to obtain an education, she felt that her parents had forsaken her; but she believed the Lord would take her up and she turned to him. In all her after life, whether it related to matters great or small, public or private, she sought to know the will of the Lord. If she discovered it, or believed she did, she had no difficulty as to her duty. Like all others of sanguine disposition, she sometimes mistook his decisions, but seeing her mistake she hastily repented and sought his guidance in new directions. She was never soured by defeats nor did she sulk under disappointments. Being thus personally devout, she sought to impress her spirit upon all who came under her influence. Her pupils all felt it. Many of them, much as they esteemed the instructions of the class-rooms, remembered the impressions made upon them by the Principal as a chief part of their education.

She was always ardently devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions. This was partly an inheritance from her revered Principal at Troy; it was partly also a result of her temperament, which was generous and expansive; but it was chiefly a principle derived from her knowledge of the gospel. She saw the heathen without a knowledge of Christ, and therefore perishing, and she read Christ's command to preach the gospel to all nations. That

settled the question for her as to her Christian duty. Accepting then her call to this work—a call shared if not felt by all other Christians—she began to study it and read up its history, and especially to make herself acquainted with the part taken in it by her own church. Any one who has done church work, or who has observed its influence on others doing it, knows how it increases in interest and how it may become an absorbing and controlling interest in a Christian character. It did so in her case. She became deeply interested in Missions and Missionaries, and trying to incite others to equal faith and generosity, made liberal contributions, always through her own church, to every enterprise that offered itself. It was her conviction, and a strong, increasing one, that the heathen women were not properly thought of, and that Christian women were not enough devoted to helping them. Her zeal in behalf of organized effort grew out of this conviction, and work that the United Presbyterian women are now doing through their Societies is its encouraging product. It was in 1872 that the General Assembly took formal action in the way of asking the women to "exert themselves" and "take deeper interest" in the work of Foreign Missions. Other action was taken, in subsequent years, and in 1875 a "Constitution," presented by Mrs. Hanna, was approved and a committee appointed to organize a "Society" according to its provisions. This committee was also instructed to organize Auxiliary Societies, as far as practicable, in all the congregations of the Church. Having secured so much of her favorite project, she was greatly delighted and was disposed to give it earnest assistance in its further development. But the infirmities of age prevented it. The frailties of nearly fourscore years were upon her, and her strength of body and mind being weakened in the way, she remained apart from active participation in the work. But her inspiration remains for those who follow her. They act also in the belief that her prayers, so long and so earnestly offered, are being answered every day, and that her example, still talked of and admired in both heathen and Christian lands, is a constant prompting to a noble service in the Lord's cause.

We are glad to present to our readers in this, our first issue, "the pictured face" of one whose memory is very dear to the women of the United Presbyterian church —Mrs. S. R. Hanna. She is represented in one of her quiet moods and during the period of her later years of usefulness. Her pupils of the early days will easily recognize it; to those of more recent years it will be striking in its faithfulness. While it presents the marks of that strength of character which she possessed, it lacks those signs of vigor, energy, quick intelligence and queenly grace which so distinguished her in her prime. It is better for all, however, to see her as mellowed under the influence of time and the experience of a busy and consecrated life; at the period, too, when laying down the work to which she had been devoted as an educator, she was looking forward to years of retirement and more strict devotion to the religious interests upon which her heart was so much set. The portrait is pronounced excellent by all who knew her. We were fortunate in finding a plate from which the impressions could be procured. We wish, however, to guard against raising false hopes and from giving out the idea that such illustrations will continue to be furnished. Our business management is not so superior to that of all other periodicals as to enable us to furnish steel portraits at the low subscription price of sixty cents a year.

MEMORIAL OF MRS. REV. J. F. HUTCHISON.

By J. Mc. H.

Mrs. Priscilla Knox Hutchison was born near Wheeling, Va., in 1826. She graduated with honor from the Washington Female Seminary in 1849, and taught school at Moundsville, Va., and Chillicothe, O., during the four years which intervened between that and her marriage to Rev. J. F. Hutchison on July 12, 1853. They at once began pastoral life together at Kenton, O., sharing mutually the joys and sorrows as they came to them, where they remained three years or more, when a call was extended to Mr. Hutchison by the congregations of Shiloh and Glenwood. Since 1854, with the exception of two years spent in Xenia, O., her life has been spent within the bounds of Indiana Presbytery. These early years of work and duty were years of blessing. She came with such loving, quiet grace that all hearts were won to her. Though gentle she was strong in the right, and the hearts of her friends safely trusted in her. No minister's wife was more widely and favorably known. She evinced in early life a love for music of the sacred order. Possessed herself of a voice of rare excellence, having wonderful compass, power and richness, she was remembered wherever she had gone with her husband in his work. Of late years she was much interested in mission work, in foreign lands especially, and with preparation for the end of this life. And when it came it was with overwhelming testimony that "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is and that which is to come." Study and travel had brought into her home much from the outside world, and people of culture and refinement, as well as the most humble, found within its walls a hospitality and welcome most graceful and charming. Who that has enjoyed it will ever forget it? Truly the gates of her house were shut neither day nor night. She walked for days along the borders of the limitless world, holding converse with Jesus, pleading with Him to take her over "now." He did not answer at once, but for eight long weeks permitted disease to prey upon her system until her dearest friends were ready to join her prayer to take her to himself. Everybody knew and loved Mrs. Hutchison. To know her was to love her. Her kindness and charity to the sick, and poor and needy were well known. The churches at Glenwood, Milroy and Rushville, with which she has been so long identified, will miss her sorely, for her place will be hard to fill. But they have a sweet remembrance of a life's duty, quietly, but cheerfully and fully done. Such a life—pure in it nature, honest in its purpose, cultured in a high degree in all its bearings, and above all sanctified by grace—speaks from "beyond" and by its testimony bequeaths to those left behind an example worthy to be imitated. A Christian and a worker, her life was beautiful in its womanliness.

The funeral services were held June 18, at the family residence, and were conducted by Rev. N. C. McDill, of Richland, assisted by Rev. J. P. Cowan, of Indianapolis, Rev. A. S. Vincent, of Spring Hill, Rev. J. D. Thomas, Greensburg, and Rev. N. L. Heidger, Rushville. To peaceful rest the body was followed by kind, loving friends to East Hill Cemetery, and there 'neath the shade, the very spot which she had selected, committed to the care of Him who watches tenderly over the sleeping dust of his saints "until the day dawn and the shadows flee away." Upon the spirit disenthralled had dawned the morning of Life Immortal. It is well!

"INSTEAD OF THE FATHERS SHALL BE THE CHILDREN."

By S. J. R., in "Woman's Work for Woman."

It is a matter of comfort and rejoicing to some who have loved the great work of Missions and are growing old, to see the enlistment of the young. If the depleting ranks are filling up with those so full of enthusiasm and promise, the army growing larger and stronger, and constantly increasing and advancing, will be led forward by its invincible Captain, conquering and to conquer, and no weapon formed against it shall prosper, and every promise shall be fulfilled. "Instead of the fathers shall be the children."

It is a matter of exceeding desire that the cause of Foreign Missions should be made attractive and popular. Is it not the coronation of the King? What could more promote this end than its advocacy by the young? If *they* carry it, it will be borne aloft indeed like an unfurled banner catching every breeze of heaven, challenging the attention, and commanding the admiration of the world.

Oh, the irresistible enthusiasm, and the unquestioning faith of youth! Above all precious things, may peerless crowns like these be given to our Christ, who alone is worthy the allegiance of the young!

I was lately in a large all-day missionary meeting of women. Growth in wisdom was manifest. The society had kept its officers a decade of years and they had learned great skill in plan and method. Their report was a history of success, with here and there a minor strain from some who were discouraged, and one funeral dirge (enough to spoil everything) from a Society which calmly and deliberately prophesied its own death, and planned its decent funeral!

Then the platform was vacated, and like a burst of sunshine, six or eight young ladies came forward. One of their own number led the exercises of the hour. The theme was "Motives for Missionary Work." She introduced the subject impressively, and arked the one next to her for the "Motives from the Standpoint of Humanity."

An exhaustive essay followed, full of argument, fact, and feeling, the points so strongly taken, it seemed to me there was no escape from the logical conclusion of our most reasonable service.

The leader emphasizing these Motives, called for others from the "Standpoint of Heathen Suffering and Need;" and the next young lady spoke as though she had the experience of an eye-witness, and had been herself a missionary for many years and in many fields. Surely she had studied her subject profoundly and read largely to gather up so many and such telling facts.

Again, after earnest connecting words, the leader called for "Motives from the Argument of Success," and the victories of the cross were truthfully and glowingly unfolded, as only the pages of Foreign Mission History can give them, in the miracles of grace wrought in the Sandwich Islands, Pitcairn, Madagascar, Africa, India, China, Japan, Persia and the other depths of gloom and habitations of cruelty on which the Sun of Righteousness has risen with healing in his wings.

This theme seemed peculiarly appropriate to the buoyancy and hopefulness of youth, for, with Christ to lead, in their bright catalogue there is no such word as fail.

Then the grand singing! And when by successive steps we had risen so high and got so near, they all arose, and the leader spoke a few words of prayer into the listening ear of Him who seemed present in our very midst causing our hearts to burn at his most gracious revelations.

Editorial Department.

PROSPECTUS.

In these days when the civilized world is flooded with reading matter there ought to be a weighty reason for starting a new periodical. With the growth of mission work in our church has come a demand for more general information on the subject of Christian Missions.

As a committee we would be deeply ungrateful did we fail to recognize the noble work for missions done by our church papers and their habitual courtesy to us, but their work being so many-sided they could not give the prominence to missions that seemed desirable, and hence the need of this publication.

The General Missionary Society expressed its sense of this need by a subscription list of over 2,300, and a guarantee fund of five hundred dollars.

The committee undertake the work with much fear and trembling as to their own ability, but with the single purpose of advancing the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and trusting in the promise, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Let it be distinctly understood that this is no private enterprise, but that this Magazine belongs just as much to each individual subscriber as to any member of the committee. If it proves a success, subscribers will get the benefit of a good missionary paper, and the committee will get no more, as their work is entirely gratuitous. We feel free, therefore, in asking the hearty support of each subscriber. You can give this aid:

First—By promptly paying your own subscription.

Second—By asking friends to subscribe.

Third—By giving any items bearing on missions.

Fourth—By paying for copies to be sent out free to our missionaries, home and foreign.

While this is not a money-making enterprise, it is necessary that it be carefully managed financially; and it will be self-evident to all that such a publication, with good paper and good type, such as we were encouraged to use, will, at the low price of 60 cents, leave little margin for sending out free copies.

The Minutes of the W. G. M. Society are now ready for distribution. Orders sent to Mrs. Belle McD. Patterson, or Mrs. J. G. Carson, Xenia, Ohio, will receive prompt attention. Price 15 cents per copy. Missionary societies and individuals will please send orders at an early day. The Minutes are gotten up in good style, and we feel no hesitation in heartily recommending them to the church at large. Carefully prepared papers, embracing every branch of the United Presbyterian church work, besides a general reviewing of the missionary societies, with statistics, will be found in these pages.

The main objects of this journal are:

1. To increase the interest in Missions by diffusing a more general knowledge of the work at home and abroad.

2. To draw the missionaries more closely to the heart of the church.

3. To give the Presbyterial and Congregational Societies and Mission Bands a better opportunity of knowing what others are doing.

It will be our endeavor to give in each number a leading article on some subject of special interest, general missionary news, correspondence, reports of Women's Boards, reports of Societies, exercises for Mission Bands, &c.

MISS MARY BRUCE, of Albany, N. Y., has the honor of sending money order for sixty-five cents, August 6th, 1886,—the first funds received on subscription for this Magazine. This was the nest-egg, which has proved to be both good and prolific. This good friend also, June 16th, 1887, sent $5.00, the first money received for the reserve Magazine fund, and we understand also she is the first life member of the Women's Band. The Magazine Committee has been very much cheered by the kind words and good wishes of this sister, as well as by her prompt contributions. She says: "I am greatly interested in women's work in the United Presbyterian church, having been a member of this church for more than fifty years. Everything connected with it is of importance to me, whether great or small. My sincere prayer is that the Magazine may prove to be a success and blessing." May goodness and mercy still follow her, and may her dwelling place at last be in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE Committee have thought proper to issue three thousand copies of this, the first number of the Magazine, containing as it does, a portrait of the late Mrs. S. R. Hanna, (which is esteemed by those who knew her, a capital likeness), with a short sketch of her early life by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Johnston, together with memorial tributes from pupils and friends. We feel confident that many old friends of Mrs. Hanna, in other churches as well as our own, and who would yet not care to be subscribers for the Magazine, would be glad to have this number containing the memorial. Copies can be obtained by applying to Mrs. J. G. Carson, Xenia, Ohio, Treasurer of Committee, for the small sum of twelve cents.

MISS FRAZIER represented Egypt and Miss Wilson, India, at the convention.

IN one of the recent lists of subscribers to the Magazine from a western society, the name of Miss Rosa T. Wilson, Gu, India, with accompanying 25 cents for foreign postage, occurs. It could not be expected that a periodical yet in its infancy, and only charging sixty cents per year, with a subscription list of 2300 could afford to furnish each foreign missionary gratuitously a copy of the Magazine. It has been the custom, we believe, with the church papers to send one paper to each station. This the Magazine Committee intend doing, but the above incident has suggested the propriety and feasibility of societies choosing some special missionary, home or foreign, and giving the name together with subscription and postage, and having it sent directly to his or her address. In order to avoid duplicating, let the names be sent to the Treasurer of Magazine Committee, with permission to substitute another name, or (what is better,) themselves name an alternate.

How to interest the women of the church in missions is being agitated. So many are apparently indifferent to the subject. Some plead lack of time—too many cares of this world; while others do not give any excuse; their minds are wholly taken up with pleasure. Serious thought can only be brought to bear upon such minds by the influence of the Spirit.

THERE are ten points classed by the Board of Home Missions as *special missions*, and twenty-eight places which applied for aid this year for the first time. Many of these are new stations.

THE Monmouth Association held its executive meeting July 6th. Arrangements were made for the Fall meeting, which will be at Olena, Ill., in September. Every society will take some part in the exercises.

OUR INDIA MISSIONS.—The book of which this is the title, written and published by our veteran missionary, Rev. Dr. Gordon, is one of the most remarkable books of the day. It is at once the history of our India Mission and a powerful plea for missions generally. The reading of it cannot fail to awaken in every mind, a deeper interest not only in that particular mission, but in the general work of foreign missions. So that it would be a profitable investment on the part of the Church to buy up the whole edition and circulate it at a nominal price throughout every congregation of the Church. Moreover, this would be nothing more than a proper testimonial to the author, who has literally *spent* his life in this work.

IT has been thought wise to place the subscription price of this Magazine so that it can be within the reach of all. That this may meet expenses, both a liberal share of advertisements and increased circulation become positive necessities, and can only be accomplished by individual effort of friends everywhere. And we come confidently, laying this important interest upon each individual heart, believing that there are but few of our subscribers that could not, with little effort, duplicate their own subscription or secure somewhere an advertisement. To this end, therefore, we ask for several thousand new subscribers. This can be done if each local Missionary Society will feel this to be an important part of its obligations in helping on the work of our church, and impose upon some efficient person this work.

WHERE are the Boys' Mission Bands? They need instructions as well as the girls. These bands should be interesting as well as profitable. Let us have a number of letters from mission bands telling us how they are conducted.

IT is often called in question whether or not our Fall meetings are profitable. One argument in meeting twice a year is that our Spring Associations have the time principally occupied with reports, while our Autumn meetings can be more devotional and given to expressing our thoughts on missionary topics and inciting ourselves and others to higher spiritual growth.

According to *The Missionary Review* there are now 35 women's foreign missionary societies, with 17,763 auxiliaries, and 3,534 children's bands. They employ 886 missionaries, and 1,644 Bible readers and teachers, have 54,609 pupils in their 2,091 schools, and have an income of £1,100,000.

IT is intended to give in the next number an article on the Orphan's Home, Allegheny, prepared by Mrs. E. M. Campbell, President; and at an early day we hope to give a memorial of the late Mrs. Lydia L. Martin, of our India Mission, to be prepared by Mrs. Dr. Robert Stewart, of India.

IT is a source of great encouragement that a number of gentlemen have given their names as subscribers to the Magazine and also to its guarantee fund. Contributions from the pen as well as the purses are highly appreciated.

WHAT is your work in the Missionary Society? If nothing more, it is to attend the meetings; but it is more. You should not be like a child always waiting to be told, but go work out the problem for yourself.

THE convention consisted of 51 delegates, representing 33 presbyteries. The next convention will be held at Washington, Pa.

THE long talked of WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE at last makes its appearance and asks your attention and kindly appreciation. The growth of Woman's Missionary work in the United Presbyterian church seemed to require the aid of such a periodical. Many women had expressed a strong wish for a paper, in some form, relating to the work in our own church; something, too, which would add interest to a Missionary Society, the Children's Band or the Sabbath School, by furnishing illustrations or incidents from our own missionary fields to animate and diversify the exercises. Others interested in mission and church work, living in the more remote parts of the country, thought a magazine which told the difficulties and encouragements encountered by their sisters striving for the same objects, could not fail to inspire and lead to renewed effort. Whether their field happened to be among the neglected in our large cities, the destitute upon the frontiers, the red-browed children of the forest or the heathen on a foreign shore, it might furnish hints and encouragements for themselves; that over its pages might be found sympathy and counsel, and also there they might meet as co-workers in the same cause.

Students, though induced by circumstances to engage in the pursuit of a particular science, usually end by becoming enthusiasts in their line of study. And is it too much to suppose that a periodical devoted to woman's benevolent work, may not in a certain sense become a text-book from whose pages may be learned more of the needs of the world, its destitution, sorrow and sin, and the claims that God has upon his children; and that this knowledge may lead to greater exertion and more entire consecration of purpose?

If the Magazine prospers, its success will be largely due to those kind friends who have rallied to its aid, and, by their influence and contributions, have stimulated the committee, who are without the least practical experience and are pressed with other and exacting duties, to undertake this new and difficult work. It is the confident hope that it will receive such encouragement as will make it increasingly useful, and that it will do good service, both in the interests of our own church and in the cause of Christ in general. And may the time never come when it will be untrue to its great mission, or falter in its fidelity.

We believe, dear sisters, you will be ready and anxious to assist in its publication, and by pressing its claims, seek to secure for it an ample patronage. To you, therefore, dear sisters of the United Presbyterian church, the continuance and prosperity of THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE is prayerfully and effectionately committed.

THE Woman's Missionary Convention which met in Monmouth, May last, was entertained one evening with an address from Miss Narcissa E. White on, "What Heathendom has gained and lost by contact with Christendom." Her thrilling account of the introduction of Western vice to the Orientals, especially intoxicating liquors, and the compulsion used in forcing the opium trade on the Chinese, suggests the question, whether largely increased effortr are not called for on the part of Christian missions in order to counterbalance the effects of these stupendous evils.

SAID an elderly lady, a member of the Baptist church: "I was more interested in Mr. and Mrs. Moosa than all the rest of your Convention. You told what Christianity ought to do; they are a living proof of what it has done."

SEND clothing to our Freedmen's schools in August, so that the children will be enabled to enter school at the opening.

From the 16th annual report of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, we take the following:

"*Womans Work for Women*, with its beautiful new cover, its fine illustrations, stories from home and abroad, is making its own way to a firm financial basis. It is doing the work of many missionaries. We have a subscription list numbering 14,500, 800 above last year's report; 3,738 only of this list are credited to the Northwest Branch, representing eighteen States and Territories. Pennsylvania subscribes for nearly as many copies as the whole Northwest. No woman in our church can afford to be without it, and if in every church there could be found such material as in one of our Chicago churches, the 3d, no woman would be found without it. This lady, in the regular Aunty Parson's way, went about from one to another until she had added 150 new names to our list of subscribers. Who, in our own church, will go and do likewise?"

The estimated membership of the Missionary Societies of the United Presbyterian church is 15,300 and amount contributed $46,000, an increase of nearly 2,000 in members and $8;000 in contribution.

In North America, missions are located in Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, Abyssinia, and Egypt. One of the most flourishing of all the missions in this region is that of the American United Presbyterian Church. General Haig, who was sent out by the Church Missionary Society to explore the mission fields of Egypt and Soudan, gives, in his report of this year, an account of the work of the United Presbyterians. The mission has now occupied the field more than thirty years, and has many centres, and a large native, as well as American, agency employed. Most of the stations are on the Nile, south of Cairo, with one thousand eight hundred communicants and sixty-five schools, with five thousand four hundred and fourteen scholars. No less than fifty-seven of these schools are entirely supported by the fees of the native congregations. The converts are mostly from among the Copts. General Haig states that this mission work is beginning to tell most powerfully on the population of Egypt.

In notices of Presbyterial Associations, the name of the State should be inserted with the name of the place. Very often its omission causes lack of interest in the reading of the minutes of the meeting.

THE WOMEN'S MAGAZINE.

ON ITS FIRST ISSUE.

Out upon the swelling tide,—
Ah, who beside it will abide?

This barque of hope essays to sail
Where breakers rise and storms prevail;

With doubt and fears, we launch it forth,
A humble bearer of God's truth;

Aye, from above. he marked its course;
He saw it rise and knows its source;

The trembling hopes—the many prayers,
The earnest struggle, and the tears,

That deathless truth—God's only son!—
With potent voice should make it known.

With earnest zeal, oh! may it prove
Proclaimer of divinest love!

'Till all who grope in sin's despair,
Shall see redemption shining there:—

We leave this labor in thy care!
Bless thou, oh Lord, our humble share.

A. E. P.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN A MISSIONARY SOCIETY?

BY MISS NARCISSA E. WHITE.

Egyptian history informs us of a stone statue existing in that country called a Sphinx, with the head of a woman, and, which legend tells us, had, at certain periods the very bad habit of asking questions, or, as they termed it, propounding riddles, with the worse habit of turning into stone the individual who was unable to solve the riddle propounded.

Now, I do not suppose any member or officer of a Women's Missionary Society, was ever turned into stone, but I do know that many a one has had her missionary *zeal* almost petrified by the ever recurring stream of objectionary questions with which they have been assailed when with "pious thought intent," enrolling tablet in hand, they have sallied forth to secure new members for the society. "Why should I join your society?" is the almost impatient response. "If I have money to give to the heathen, I can give it all through the regular channels of the church—the quarterly church collections." True, sister, but DO you so give it—at least to any generous extent? Do you give systematically? But supposing you do give liberally, even to thousands of dollars, do you give understandingly? Do you know just what our missionary fields are? what these fields are like? what missionaries are being sent out; what their difficulties; what are their successes? Are you thus enabled to follow every dollar of your money by your earnest prayers—not merely to the collection box, but to the missionary field?

Let me make a confession. I have been in many social prayer meetings and in many homes; have heard women as well as men pray, yet I could easily count on my ten fingers the number of times I have ever heard laymen or women—except those who are members of Missionary societies or missionary boards—pray for a special missionary work or a special missionary need. Do not misunderstand me. These good people pray for the *general* missionary cause in such general terms as these: "Lord, bless the missionary cause," "May the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the deep." But suppose the object of their prayers was something they had very much to heart, would they ever dream of expressing their desire in such a general way? Suppose one of their children were sick, would they be satisfied to remember that it was only one of several *thousand* children sick at that same moment, and so cover all with a general petition: "Lord, bless the world in general with health and recover the sick?" Nay, verily, that *special* child, with its special sickness, would be carried to the Lord. And the very feeling which made it a particular—not a general petition—shows that the mother's supplications were *real prayers*, not mere formal *words*. Such were Paul's prayers for the missionary work of his time—definite, special prayers. But why do not our good, earnest Christian women pray as well as give definitely and understandingly to and for the various missionary fields? Simply because they know so little about them. But can they not get all necessary information in their homes in the regular church organs—*The United Presbyterian*, *Christian Instructor*, *Midland*, etc.? No. Because if these papers were to give all the information necessary, so as to have us thorougly understand and appreciate the missionary work, these papers would be filled with such missionary news and cease to be a home church organ. But even of the

excellent missionary information really given in these church papers, how much of such information is read by you women who do not belong to a missionary society? Do you read each week's tidings? Do you read it understandingly? "Own up," as the children say. You know there is no one to see your blushes.

I claim, therefore, that a Women's Missionary Society is simply a "training school" to train the women of the church, first, into an interest on the subject, and, second, by talks and reading to give us a definite knowledge of the work. And if this be the object of the society, it shows how utterly short of the object those women fall who simply pay their monthly dues to the society but never attend its meetings. But is not a Women's Missionary Society outside the church? No more outside it than the Sabbath school is outside the church.

But if a special Missionary Society is such a benefit to women, why would it not also be a benefit to men? It would be; and the day when such organizations are formed for men, either by themselves or in connection with the women's society, will see a wonderful impetus given to missionary work. But the trouble is, but few men with their business cares, are willing to give time during the week to the study of missionary work, and the Sabbath is already crowded. But does that exonerate us women from our duty? Besides, there is a special reason why women should be instructed in missionary work. Show me a missionary mother and I will show you missionary children—children who, when they grow to manhood and womanhood, will not be too busy to attend a missionary meeting, for they will esteem the body more than meat, and the human soul more than raiment.

Sister, do you belong to a Missionary Society?

LETTER FROM MISS ELLA KYLE.

[NOTE.—This letter was written to a friend without any thought of publication, but contained so much intelligence it was felt it would be read with much interest.]

CAIRO, Egypt, June 11, 1887.

DEAR FRIEND:—I am sorry to not have written you sooner, but it has been such a busy year with me, the days were crowded with duties and went by as if they all had to be pushed into one. You can understand how it would be, knowing that opening school in the new building was like organizing anew, and then Miss Hogg and I being so young in the work, assuming all the responsibility in addition to our own Arabic lessons, we had no time for writing letters. I have advanced in the Arabic and in the general work, this past winter. Miss Hogg and I began at the first, taking the evening prayers and morning exercises in Arabic in turn. It was exceedingly hard at first but now has become quite easy, and that mountain of Arabic prayer is quite subdued and I can't tell you how happy it makes me. Miss Hogg is such a dear friend, and I think we have one of the nicest schools in the world. We are so proud of it, I want to tell you, not boasting at all, how we stand financially for the past term. Our receipts for board and tuition exceeded our expenses, making our school for the past term self-supporting. It is the cheapest school in Egypt. We take such an interest in it and hope the day will soon come that it will be entirely self-supporting. We were so pleased to be able to get two of our girls to be teachers among the women of Asyoot. You know how difficult it is to get them to teach, and I was greatly rejoiced after my Bible lesson one morning, in which I laid their Christian duty before them plainly, to have four of them

come to me and offer to go and teach. My eyes filled with tears; they were the best girls we had. Our missionary society was to meet the next day, and I told them I would present their names, which I did, and two of them were accepted and supported by the society. They began the next week and went regularly into the town to teach the women till the school closed, and then of course they returned to their villages. The women were so pleased with them, and every place we went we would be pleaded with to allow those girls to teach them. I feel sure now that we will have no more trouble in getting girls to go out as teachers. Since last I wrote you there have been three girl schools opened up in towns near Asyoot. This is very encouraging, and we hope this beginning will lead to the opening of many others. I would tike to tell you briefly of our examination. It being the first in the new Pressly Memorial Institute and under our supervision, we were anxious to have a success, and I am so happy to say it was. Our school being out of the town we thought it would be impossible for women to be present, but we prepared for them and divided the chapel with a curtain so they could not be seen by the men, and to our surprise the room was crowded with men and women. Among the men were some of the most prominent ones of the town, and a good many of them Moslems. We were so pleased and encouraged with our audience. The examination began at 8 o'clock and finished at 12. We had not time for all the classes, so had a class from each year examined, which made seven. These were interspersed with psalms and essays. We arranged the girls' sewing and fancy work, and how I wish you could have seen it, for it really did look nice and pretty, and the visitors were simply carried away with it. I feel sure it will be a recommendation to the school. This all transpired on Thursday, May 27th, and thus closed our school for another year, and we, though exceedingly tired and worn out, felt amply repaid for the toil and worry. Misses McKown, Brown, Hogg and myself came down here last Thursday on our way to Ramlh. I like Miss Brown very much and think she has bright prospects before her in mission work. I may be here a week longer and then go on down to Ramlh. I scarcely know how I shall spend vacation, but presume most of it will be spent in the study of the Arabic.

We had such a beautiful moonlight ride to the pyramids last Friday night. It was simply grand, and so deeply interesting to see the sphinx after its excavation, as the steps leading down to the door of the temple and the hieroglyphics are quite distinct. I do enjoy visiting these old tombs and ruins. We are enjoying the company of Dr. John Lansing, He has been here for a month; has come over to study Hebrew, Arabic and Coptic. Dr. Lansing, Sr., has all of his sons with him now, which is such a great comfort to him. His health is much improved. I was interested in reading the report of the General Missionary Society which met in Monmouth. What a grand and noble work our sisters are doing in America. And we hope the day is not far distant when we can report of a great work under that name in Egypt. Missionary societies are becoming popular in all this land, and the one we have in Asyoot is a flourishing one. Last month a girls' school was opened up in the southern part of town, and the teacher is supported by our society. We call it, "Our Home Mission School," and the native girls and women take a great interest in it.

My thoughts are turned homeward these days, as I have time to think of home and loved ones there, and how much I would enjoy going home to spend my vacation. With much love to you all and friends of the L. M. S., I am

Your sincere friend, ELLA O. KYLE.

Young People's Department.

"Instead of the fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.—Ps. 45: 16."

"That our sons may be as plants, grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."—Ps. 144: 12.

GREETINGS.

To the young people of the U. P. church, THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE tenders greetings! The department set aside especially for you, we purpose making one of interest and profit. We want to talk to you from month to month through mission, history, biography, stones and pictures of heathen life, and give you news direct from not only our own mission fields, but from the great harvest field—the world. Thus we hope to engage your sympathy and interest in the wonderful changes wrought upon men and nations by the power of the Gospel. A regular systematic reading of this Missionary Magazine cannot but prove fruitful in drawing you nearer to Christ; in enlisting you more fully in the grandest work on earth; in engaging your minds in good, wholesome reading; in bringing you closer together as members of the same Presbyterian family, and in helping to train you for your coming responsibility.

On the threshold of this new plan of work for the Master, we need not only His guidance and the help of the older members of the church, but we need your youthful energy and zeal; we need your words of encouragement; we need your prayers and your gifts both of mind and of money. Shall we not have them? *Let not one say us nay*! but let every reader enlist at once under our banner—"The whole wide world for Jesus," and bring others with you into the ranks of the army of the Lord. Sooner or later the cause of Christ *will triumph*, and who does not want to be among the conquering hosts? Come and help us!

GOD WANTS THE YOUNG.

God wants the happy-hearted boys,
The stirring boys, the best of boys,
The worst of boys.
He wants them soldiers of His cross,
Brave to defend each righteous cause,
And so uphold His sacred laws,
That good and true
The world may be,
Redeemed from sin
And misery.
God wants the boys!

God wants the happy-hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best of girls,
The worst of girls!
He wants to make the girls His pearls.
And so, reflect His holy face,
And bring to mind His wondrous grace;
That beautiful
The world may be,
And filled with love
And purity.
God wants the girls!

EXERCISES FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARRANGED BY M. J. C.

What is Christ to us?

[To be asked by the Leader.]

Ans. No. 1. He is our way. We walk in him.

No. 2. He is our truth.
Response. We embrace him.

No. 3. He is our life.
Response. We live in Him.

No. 4. He is our Lord.
Response. We choose Him to rule over us.

No. 5. He is our Master.
Response. We serve him.

No. 6. He is our teacher:
Response. Instructing us in the way of salvation.

No. 7. He is our prophet:
Response. Pointing out to us the future.

No. 8. He is our priest:
Response. Having atoned for us.

No. 9. He is our king:
Response. To rule over us.

No. 10. He is our advocate:
Response. Ever living to make intercession for us.

No. 11. He is our Savior:
Response. Saving to the uttermost.

No. 12. He is our root:
Response. We grow from him.

No. 13. He is our bread:
Response. We feed upon Him.

No. 14. He is our Shepherd:
Response. Leading us into green pastures.

No. 15. He is the true vine:
Response. We abide in Him.

No. 16. He is the water of life:
Response. We slack our thirst in Him.

No. 17. He is the fairest among ten thousand:
Response. We admire Him above everything.

No. 18. He is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person:
Response. We strive to reflect His likeness.

No. 19. He is the upholder of all things:
Response. We rest upon Him.

No. 20. He is our wisdom:
Response. We are guided by Him.

No. 21. He is our righteousnes:
Response. We cast all our imperfections upon Him.

No. 22. He is our sanctification:
Response. We draw all the sources of holy life from Him.

No. 23. He is our redeemer:
Response. Redeeming us from all iniquity.

No. 24. He is our healer:
Response. Healing all our diseases.

No. 25. He is our friend:
Response, Relieving us from all our necessities.

[All in concert.] *And when we need Him no longer on earth, He is the lamb in the midst of the throne above, the light of heaven, leading us into living fountains of water.*

"Martha" appears in the Gospel history three times under such circumstances and with such detail of incident, as to give us quite typical views of her character. Our first view of her is in Luke 10:38. Thus at the very first, Martha is presented to us in the noble and amiable attitude of a hostess. He does not deny her faith in and regard for Himself, neither does He undervalue her necessary labor of hospitality. It was that *anxious* thought, *worrying* over meat and drink, which engaged her attention to the loss of His holy instruction, for which He reproved her. The principle which seems to underlie these words, and which touches us all, is this: While christian devotion and christian activity each has its sphere and each its special representatives in the Church, the former must never be subordinated to the latter, for receiving *from* Christ is always the most real fact and ground of *imparting* to Christ.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1.

This Society shall be called "*The Women's General Missionary of the United Presbyterian Church.*"

ARTICLE 2.

The object of this Society shall be to carry on the general operations of the Women's Mission work, call the women of the church together for the purpose of consultation, and to take such measures as in their opinion shall conduce to the promotion of the cause of missions in our own and heathen lands. To the furtherance of this end, it shall endeavor to organize Missionary Societies, both Congregational and Presbyterial, throughout the entire church. These societies shall bear the name of Auxiliary Societies. It shall have charge of a missionary paper or magazine, which will disseminate information concerning all missionary work undertaken by this society, and publish reports of moneys raised and disbursed.

ARTICLE 3.

The officers of this society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. These officers shall be elected at the close of each annual meeting, and it shall be their duty, together with three additional persons, living near each other, appointed by the President, to make arrangements for the succeeding meeting.

ARTICLE 4.

This society shall consist of delegates from the Presbyterial societies in the following proportions: each Presbyterial society shall be entitled to two delegates; each Presbyterial society consisting of more than five Congregational societies shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every additional five Congregational societies or portion thereof.

ARTICLE 5.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on the second Wednesday of May, each year. The place of meeting shall be decided at the meeting of the previous year.

ARTICLE 6.

The business of this Society shall be conducted according to the code of laws adopted by this Society, by a Board of 15 managers elected by the General Missionary Society. Each manager shall be a member of an auxiliary society. At each annual meeting five managers shall be elected for three years to fill the places of five who retire. This Board shall be incorporated, and shall be located in Pittsburgh or Allegheny. The Board shall organize at its first stated meeting by the election of the following officers from their own number, viz: A President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, three or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer, who shall also be Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, and such other officers as shall from time to time be deemed necessary to promote the interests of the work.

ARTICLE 7.

All Presbyterial societies are recognized as auxiliaries. Any number of women, who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may become an auxiliary to the General Society, provided there is no Presbyterial society within whose limits they reside.

ARTICLE 8.

Any person may become a life member of this Society by paying $25.00 at one time.

ARTICLE 9.

The Women's General Missionary Society shall undertake no missionary work without the advice of the regular Boards of the Church and in harmony with them.

ARTICLE 10.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice in writing of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE 11.

Parliamentary rules and the Rules of Order of the United Presbyterian General Assembly shall be observed by this Society as far as possible.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

1.—DUTIES.

The Board shall take charge of the missionary work of the General Society; devise ways and means of carrying on that work, sending out foreign missionaries, supporting native helpers, Bible women and children in schools, supporting teachers in the home fields, and giving aid to all the various departments of missionary work undertaken by the regular Boards of the Church; and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all money which shall be contributed or placed in its charge by auxiliary societies.

2.—MEETING AND QUORUM.

The Board of Managers shall hold its stated meeting on the first Monday of each month at 2:30 P. M., at such place as it shall appoint. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

3.—PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, appoint all committees, and perform such other duties as belong to her office. She shall call special meetings at the request of three members, be ex-officio a member of all committees and sign all drafts upon the Treasury.

4.—VICE PRESIDENT.

The senior Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform all the duties of her office.

5.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive, hold, and keep an account of, all money given to the General Society or the Board, and shall disburse it as the Board of Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the Treasury at each regular meeting and close her books the 30th of April each year. Her annual report, examined and approved by an auditor appointed by the Board, shall be presented to the annual meeting of the General Missionary Society.

6.—RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, send out all blanks and papers and prepare an annual report to be presented to the annual meeting of the General Missionary Society.

7.—CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

It shall be the duties of the Corresponding Secretaries to conduct the official correspondence of the General Society with the Boards of the Church; also, all the correspondence with missionaries, native helpers, Bible women, teachers and others supported by the Society. They shall prepare annual reports of all work undertaken by the Board, to be presented to the annual meeting of the General Missionary Society.

8.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the officers and two managers, who shall have power to transact any business that may require attention in the intervals between the stated meetings of the Board.

9. The failure of any manager to be present at three regular consecutive meetings of the Board, without excuse, shall be considered a resignation, and action taken accordingly.

10. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in the Board during the year.

11.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Auxiliary Societies shall be required to make an annual report to the Board on or before the 15th of April.

12—AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws may be amended or altered at any meeting of the General Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Notice of any proposed amendment must be given in writing at a previous meeting.

Extract from Minutes of the U. P. General Assembly, which met at Philadelphia, May 25th, 1887, giving their action with regard to the same:

The Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the report of the committee to confer with the Women's Board was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT ON THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY BOARD.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures,

to which was referred the report of the committee to confer with the Women's Auxiliary Board, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Principal Clerk be directed,

1. To communicate to the Women's Auxiliary Board the high appreciation of the General Assembly of the work which the women of the church are doing, and to wish them God-speed in all their efforts to build up the kingdom of our Lord.

2. To recommend to said Society and Board, in order to promote the efficiency of the work, to change the Constitution of the General Missionary Society and the By-Laws of the Board in the following particulars:

(1.) Insert as Article II this, viz: "This Society and its Board, in all their work, shall be under the control and subject to the authority of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church."

(2.) That Article IX be amended so as to read: "The Women's General Missionary Society shall undertake none of the regular work of any of the Boards of the Church, without the advice and consent of such Board and in harmony with it."

(3.) Add to Article X the words: "And approved by the General Assembly."

(4.) That By-Law first be made to read: "The Board shall take charge of the missionary work of the General Society; devise ways and means for carrying on that work; give aid to all the various departments of missionary work undertaken by the regular Boards of the Church, in sending out foreign missionaries, supporting native helpers, Bible women, and children in schools, and supporting teachers in the home field; and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all money, which shall be contributed or placed in its charge by auxiliary societies."

3. To express the confident hope that the efficiency of the regular Boards of the Church, through the co-operation of the Women's General Missionary Society and its Auxiliary Board, will be largely increased.

As is well known there was great difference of opinion as to the advisability of organizing a Women's Board in our church. While the Board had its friends who were zealous and sincere, there were many active members of missionary societies who just as sincerely opposed it. But now that a Board has been organized by the General Missionary Society, and with suggested amendments, fully authorized by the Assembly, we think the way is clear for all concerned to accept it. Whatever past preferences may have been, let all work together with one heart and one mind, and secure the blessing that comes to United effort in the Lord's cause.

THE Ladies P. M. S., of Southern Illinois, will meet in Cutler, August 2nd, at 11 o'clock a. m. Opens with a Bible reading conducted by Mrs. J. C. Elliott. Subject: "Harvest of Joy."

Address of welcome, Mrs. White.

Response by the President.

After the business of the meeting the following programme will be in order:

1. Bible reading: "The Way to Give," Mrs. John Rutherford.
2. Paper: "How to Interest Children in Mission Work," Miss Jennie Neil.
3. Selection, by Mary W. East.
4. A discussion: "How to interest *all* the ladies of our congregations in missionary work," led by Mrs. J. J. Borders.
5. Bible reading, Mrs. Bailey.
6. Letter from Miss Tillie Strang, read by Miss Mary Telford.
7. Paper: "The Divine authority for engaging in missionary work," Miss Lizzie Brown.

One sure way of making the community in which we live, or the churches we attend, or building in which we do our daily work, a better place than it is, is for us to start with correcting our own faults. Every reformation which amounts to anything begins with the individual, and not one of us will ever find a more suitable individual to begin with than—himself.

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It is hoped the above is a correct list of the number of subscriptions received to date—August 2nd. If any society or individual subscription has been omitted, please notify the Treasurer immediately. In some instances a little more than the subscription price has been sent—though in others less. The committee has kept this, supposing it sent to pay for postage.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 5, 1887.

Nine members of the Women's Auxiliary Board met in the Second United Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Minutes of June meeting accepted.

Mrs. Herron read a very interesting letter from Miss McKown. Other letters were also heard from Miss McCahon and Miss C. E. Wilson. The Board resolved to assume the support of Mrs. S. E. Johnson, as medical missionary to India, as soon as satisfactory arrangements could be made.

The Secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension reported that the plan of sending a lady missionary to the Warm Spring Indians was not considered practical at present. She also stated that Miss Maggie Livingston, of Lake Presbytery, had been accepted by Freedmen's Board, and appointed to Bluestone, Va.

The Parsonage Fund was elected as an object of special contributions and recommended to societies wishing to help the Board of Church Extension in its work. Dr. Vincent was directed to invite our Mission Bands to assist in furnishing the Little Girls' Home at Knoxville, Tenn.

The Treasurer had received $309.50 since last meeting. She was authorized to forward to Mrs. Hogg the money received for her, and the Foreign Missionary Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Hogg explaining the gift.

A column in THE WOMEN'S MAGAZINE having been offered to the Auxiliary Board, the Treasurer was directed to send her quarterly report, and the Recording Secretary an account of the monthly meetings.

MARGARET M. SHAW,
Recording Secretary.

THE NEW CHURCH AT ROCK VALLEY, IOWA.

One year ago began the erection of the Rock Valley United Presbyterian church. The undertaking was beset with many difficulties, and it required men with tenacity to engage in the work. The congregation is very small, the country quite new and the church building a costly one. But in spite of these drawbacks, nothing undaunted, the firm little band of Christian workers have pushed on undismayed, and at last their efforts have been crowned with success. The church is large and unusually beautiful, a fitting memento of those who have spared neither time, money nor thought in rearing a fitting edifice for the worship of God. Its tall tower, pointing heavenward like a great finger, looked solemn and beautiful, as the young and old passed beneath its shadow on the day of the opening.

At 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Thursday, July 14, 1887, began the services dedicating this new house of worship to the Supreme Ruler. A large choir under the direction of Mrs. C. L. McCracken, furnished some splendid music. After the invocation by Rev. Robert Hood, Rev. J. J. Jackson read from the scriptures and Rev. W. E. Dunlap offered prayer. Then followed the dedication sermon by Rev. L. N. Lafferty, which was one of great power and interest. His text was Matt. 24:14.—"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The church is one of the finest in that part of Iowa. The building is 58x34 feet, and faces the west. The church will be heated with a furnace placed in the basement.

The history of this congregation was presented by Rev. C. L. McCracken, in an admirably written paper.

At the close of the exercises a repast was furnished those present by the ladies of the church, and which was praised by all as being splendid. It was a pleasant and successful meeting—the termination of one epoch in the to-be-hoped for successful history of an agency for great good. The day and occasion will long linger in the minds of those who were present, and they will always look back to it with great pleasure and happiness.

As many already know, two of our missionaries havs suffered from severe attacks of typhoid fever, Miss McCahon almost immediately on her return to India was stricken down with the disease, and for several weeks was quite ill, but through the blessing of God on the means used and the careful nursing of her faithful companions, she has been restored to comparative health. Also, Miss Tillie Strang, of our Egyptian mission, has been suffering from what her physician called "a severe attack" of typhoid fever. She went out only last Fall in the very bloom of her womanhood, and full of vigor. During the long days when her life hung as by a thread, humanly speaking, many friends on both sides of the water prayed earnestly for her recovery. At length two words flashed over the land and through the depths of the seas, that brought relief to the anxious parents and sympathizing friends, "Tillie convalescent." The latest letters bring the news: "Tillie sat up a little to-day after thirty-nine days in bed." During this time she was ministered to by the loving hands of her sister Bella, of the Monsoora station, and of the other missionaries, and she had the very best of medical attention from Dr. Mackey, an English physician. In the long weary days that must ensue before they can resume work, they should have the sympathy of the church and their prayers for their full recovery and strength for the Master's service.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WOMEN'S BOARD.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—L. M. S., 1st Wheeling, W. Va., $50; L. M. S., Hookstown, Pa., $22; L. M. S., Cadiz, Ohio, on debt $1.50; Mission Band, Springfield, Ohio, to supply native pastors in Egypt and theological students commentaries, $50; Mrs. and Miss Clokey, Springfield, Ohio, for same purpose, 50; L. M. S., Pratt Creek, Iowa. 5; W. M. S., LeClaire, Iowa, 20; L. M. S., 1st Monmouth, Ill , on debt, 50; L. M. S., Hanover, Pa., 9; L. M. S., Winterset, Iowa, 3; L M. S., Harmarville, Pa., 10; L. M. S , Springfield, Ohio, for mission work in Egypt, 20; L. M. S., Albany, Oregon, 16; W. M. S., 5th Allegheny, 25; L. M. S., Uniontown, Ohio, 15; W. M. S., 2nd Pittsburgh, on debt 30; L. M. S., Springdale, Pa., 12; Sarah Dales Lansing, Y. L. M. S.. Bethésda. Pa., 20; Cheerful Workers Band, Bellevue, Pa., 40; Y. P. M. S., Etna, Pa.. 10; W. M. S., Monongahela Presbyterial, salary Miss Adella Brown, 150; W. M. S., 6th Allegheny, Pa., salary Miss Annie F. Given, 50; W. M. S., Allegheny Presbyterial, salary Miss Annie F. Given, 125; L. M. S.. Kansas Presbyterial, salary Miss Maggie Smith, 25; L. M. S., Emporia, Kansas, for same, 3; L. M. S., 2nd New Wilmington, Pa., salary Mrs. James' Bible woman, Jhelum, India, 37.50.

HOME MISSIONS —L. M. S., 1st Wheeling, W. Va., $36; L. M. S., Hookstown, Pa., 21; L. M. S , Hanover, Pa., 16: L. M. S., Bethel Beaver Valley Presb. 10; L. M, S., Winterset, Iowa, 2; L. M. S., Albany, Oregon, 5; L M. S., Uniontown, Ohio, 10; W. M. S , Robinson's Run, Pa., 29; Y. P. M. S., Etna, Pa., 15; Y. L. M. S., 4th Allegheny, Pa. on debt, 9.50; L. M. S., Cadiz, Ohio, on debt, 1.50; Y. L. M. S. 4th Allegheny, for Warm Springs Indian mission, 50; Mission Band, Springfield, Ohio, to assist in getting a bell for mission church at Warm Springs agency, 10.

FREEDMEN.—Mrs. Hannah Reed, Freeport, Pa., $100; L. M. S.. Bellevue, Pa., 75; Cheerful Workers Band, Bellevue, Pa., 40; L. M. S., Commerce, Michigan. 5; L. M. S., Pratt Creek, Iowa, 5; L. M. S. Albany, Oregon, 3.70; W. M. S., 1st Los Angeles, Cal., 14; W. M. S., 2nd Philadelphia, 30; L. M. S., Cadiz, Ohio, on debt, 1.50; L. M. S., Indianola, Iowa, on debt, 4.11; Y. L. M. S., 4th Allegheny, on debt, 9.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—L. M. S., 1st Wheeling, W. Va., 3; L. M. S., Struthers, Ohio, 5; L. M. S., Spring Hill, Ind., 15; L. M. S., Cadiz, Ohio, on debt, 1.50.

PARSONAGE FUND.—L. M. S., 1st Wheeling, W. Va., $6.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—L. M. S., Latrobe, Pa., $10; L. M. S., Uniontown, Ohio, 5; W. M. S., 1st Los Angeles, Cal., 13; L.H. M. S., 1st Allegheny, Pa., 25; Y. L. M. S., 7th Pittsburgh, Pa.. 5.

LITTLE GIRLS' HOME.—L. M. S., Pine Creek, Pa., $5; L. M. S., 1st Wheeling, W. Va.. 10; Sabbath School, Lathrobe, Pa., 10; Mis. Elizabeth Steele, Latrobe, Pa., 1; Little Workers, Verona, Pa., 10; L M. S.. Pratt Creek, Iowa' 5; Willing Workers' Band, Hopewell, Kansas, 5.50; Sabbath School, Summit Avenue N. J., 15; W. M. S., East 119th street, New York, 20; West 44th street congregation, New York, 10: L. M. S., Laurel Hill, Pa., 5; W. M. S., 6th Pittsburg, 25; Sabbath school, 1st Brooklyn, N. Y., 10; L. M. S., DeWtt, Iowa, 10; Misses Etta and Sadie McClelland, Freeport, Pa., 25; Mrs. Hannah Reed, Freeport, Pa., 100; L. M. S , Jamestown, Pa., 6.30; Sabbath school, Jamestown, Pa., 12 79.

ORPHANS' HOME.—Mrs. H. M. Harvey, Cairo, Egypt, 5; L. M. S., Pratt Creek, Iowa, 1; L. M. S., Bethel, Beaver Valley Presbytery, 10; W. M. S., 2nd Pittsburg, on debt, 30.

ENDOWMENT FUND, WAITSBURGH ACADEMY.—L. M. S., 3d Tittsburgh, $10.

MRS. HOGG MEMORIAL FUND.—L. M. S., 6th Allegheny, $25; Miss Mary Bruce, Albany, N. Y., $10; L. M. S., 7th Pittsburgh, 10; L. M and A. S., 3d Allegheny, 18; Mrs. A. P. Burchfield, Allegheny, 5; J. W. Drape and wife, Allegheny, 5; Mrs. James Ritchie, 5, Mrs. James Bryce 5, Mrs. Walker 1, Mrs. W. H. McMillan 2.50, Mrs. Thomas Mabon 5, Mrs. Martin 25, Mrs F. G. Bryce 3 25; L M. S , Four Mile congregation, Ill., 1.60; L M. S., Winterset, Iowa, 3; W. M. S., Sparta' Ill., 5; L. M. S., Cincinnati, Ohio, 10; L. M. S., Puckety, Pa., 5; L. M. S., Andrew, Iowa, 10; L. M. S., Coultersville, Ill., 5; L. M. S., Jamestown, Ohio, 12.25; Y. L. M. S., Wooster, Ohio, 12; Mrs J. F. Neely, Allegheny, 5; L. M. S., Stewart's Station, Pa , 20; L. M. S , Oskaloosa, Iowa, 10; L. M. S , Oak Grove, Ill., 10: L. M. S., Greenfield, Ohio, 6.50: L. M. S., Bayard, Iowa, 3: W. M. S., 2nd Pittsburgh, 25: Y. L. M. S., 7th Pittsburgh, 53; L. M. S., DeKalb, O., 5: L. M. S., Hanover, Pa., 10: L. M. and A. S., Sewickley, Allegheny Presbytery, 17: L. M. S., Sharon, Pa., 5: L. M. S., Springfield, O., 10: L. M. S., DeWitt. Iowa, 5: L M. S., McKeesport, Pa., 15; W. M. S., Wooster, O., 25: L M. S., Garner, Iowa, 4.50: W. M. S., 2nd San Francisco, Cal., 3: L. M. S , Buffalo, N. Y., 10; Des Moines congregation, Iowa, 12: L. M. S. Bovina Center, N. Y., 10: L. M. S., Ottawa, Kansas, 4: L. M. S., Emporia, Kansas, 2: L. M. S., Jamestown, Pa., 10,30: L. M. S., Hoopeston, Ill., 5: W. M, S., Mechanicsburg, Pa., 7: L. M, S, Wilkinsburg, Pa, 15: L. M, S, Erie, Pa., 15: L. M, S, Shiloh, Ind, 5: L, M, S, 2nd Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 5: L, M, S, 1st Wheeling, W. Va, 18.75: L, M, S, Hookstown, Pa, 25: Y, W. M, S., 1st Pittsburgh, 10: Misses Etta and Sadie McClelland, Freeport, Pa., 25; Mrs. Hannah Reed, Freeport, Pa., 100; L. M. S, Bethel, Perry county, Ill, 5.

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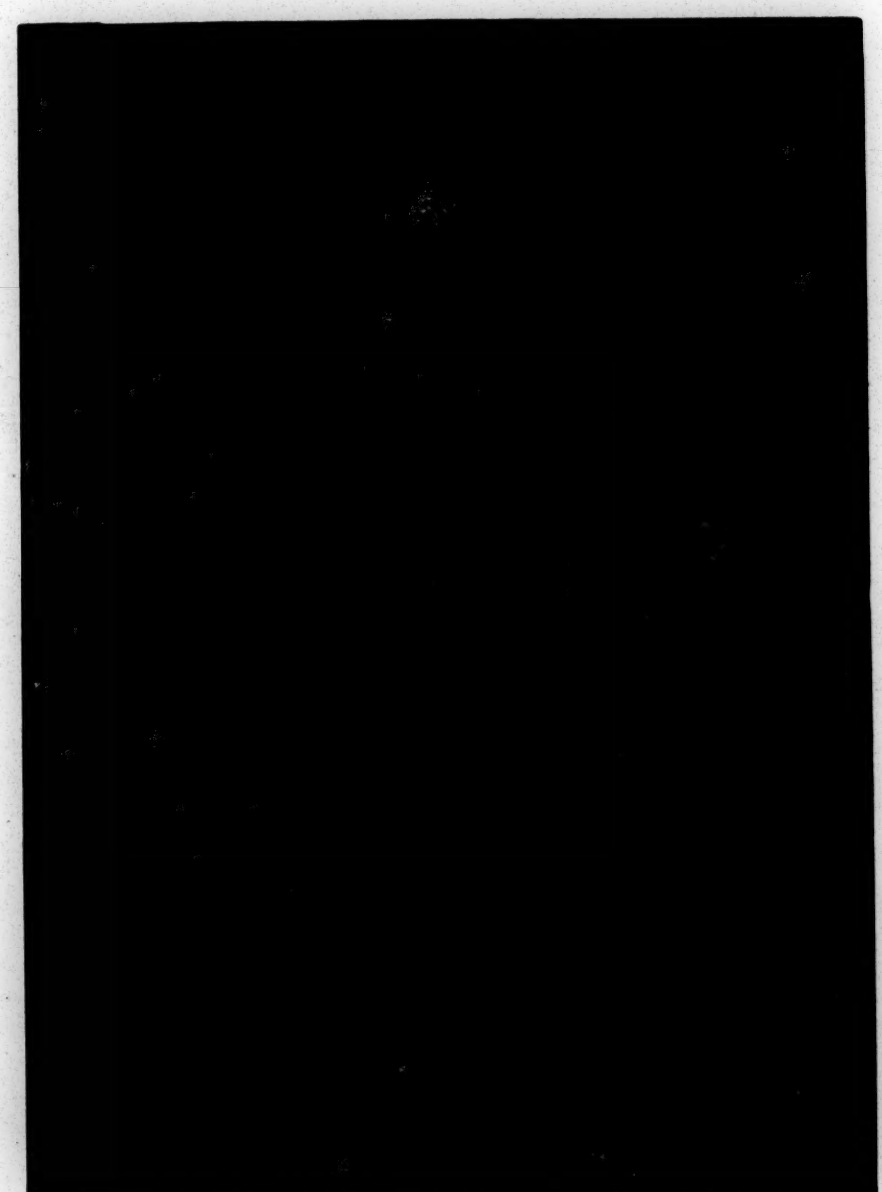

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